

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:**

William M. Hiatt

**Serial No.:** 10/784,436

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**For:** THROUGH-HOLE CONDUCTORS  
FOR SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATES  
AND METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
MAKING SAME

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**Examiner:** L. Schillinger

**Group Art Unit:** 2813

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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed January 4, 2008, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on April 4, 2008.

**Amendments to the Title** appear on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** (if any) are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.